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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Masako KIMURA et al. :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the  
present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 11, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

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13. The ~~composition~~ <sup>emulsion</sup> of claim 2, which is an oil-in-water type emulsion.

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14. The ~~composition~~ <sup>emulsion</sup> of claim 3, which is an oil-in-water type emulsion.

*14*  
15. The ~~composition~~ <sup>emulsion</sup> of claim 4, which is an oil-in-water type emulsion.

*15*  
16. The ~~composition~~ <sup>emulsion</sup> of claim 2, which is in the form of an eye drop, a nasal drop or  
an ear drop.